



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

8TH DECEMBER 2023

WORD OF THE WEEK – FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – TAKE RESPONSIBILITY/SPEAK HONESTLY

BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

We are in full Christmas spirit mode this week. We have started our staff advent prize draws and launched our shoebox appeal, details below. We have organised a Christmas item day to raise money for charity which we will tell you about next week and we will serve a Christmas lunch to everyone on Wednesday 20th December. We appreciate this can be an anxious and worrying time for some families, please do get in touch with us if you need to talk or need some support. We are a community, and we strive to help one another when needed. As we approach the final two weeks of term, we will be organising lots of reward activities and prizes for lots of children and we are looking forward to celebrating what a brilliant term we have had. Please ensure that your child's attendance to school is always a priority for you, despite all the Christmas events taking place, it will still be learning as normal, and we are preparing the students for assessment week when we return in January. Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all soon at the Carol Concert.



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STUDENT SUCCESS



This week we held our latest celebration assemblies, something that we just love. It is right and proper that we come together to share successes and to all be proud that we are talented and able in certain subjects or areas. The pride on the children's faces is great to see and I love hearing the reasons why our staff nominate children for awards. Alongside bronze achievement awards, we have presented subject heroes, expert linguist awards, SLO awards and our new positive learning behaviour awards. The children really are a credit to the school and yourselves as parents.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

I am delighted to inform you that tickets are selling fast! The concert will be held at St Edward's Church on Wednesday 20th December from 7pm. Our children will be singing and playing, and they will be supported by the Barnsley Metropolitan Brass Band. Some of the monies raised from ticket sales will be donated to the church and to our charity partner BIADS.

Here is the link to the Eventbrite site to buy your tickets. Any children who are performing do not need to buy a ticket but their family members, like all the audience will.

[Christmas Carol Tickets here](#)



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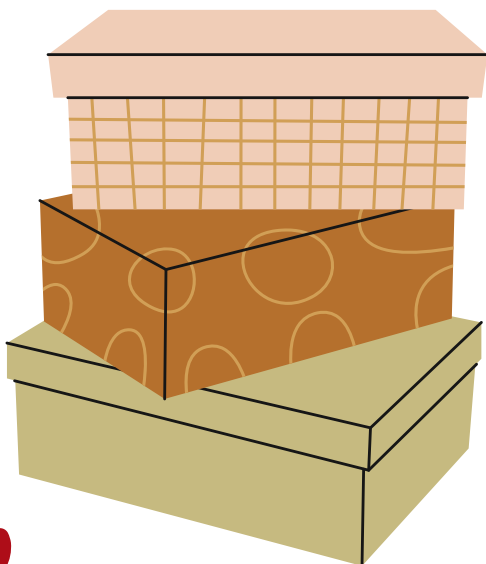
SPORTING SUCCESS

Despite the freezing (and wet) weather we have still maintained attendance to plenty of sporting fixtures and events over the past week. We had a lovely visit to Kirk Balk Academy twice this week, once for an indoor cricket event and secondly for football and basketball fixtures. Please see the end of the newsletter for next week's matches. A special mention goes to two students; Isla Shenton in Y9 and Jessica Worth in Y8, both are GB ice skaters and competed in the British Championships at Ice Sheffield last week. They both appeared on Look North and both girls performed fantastically well. They have a heavy training schedule and still maintain outstanding schoolwork and study too – two exemplary TASE students.



SHOEBOX APPEAL

We have launched our shoebox appeal again for this year and our Y9 Duke of Edinburgh group are taking a lead in organising it and processing everything. Please support this important appeal with whatever you can that meets the criteria below.



*D of E Shoebox Appeal
House Competition*

Help us to support the homeless people of Barnsley by contributing to our 2023 shoebox appeal.

Ways you can get involved:

- A clean empty shoebox = 25 house points
- A clean, empty wrapped shoebox = 75 house points
- Loose items = 50 house points per item
- A full box = 200 house points
- 500 house points for the best shoebox per year group.

What kind of items can I include or contribute?

Biscuits, bottles of water, new and warm clothing such as warm socks or gloves, hygiene products such as baby wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitary items, shower gels and shampoo.

Please ensure no products contain alcohol.

Please bring any items, shoe boxes or full shoeboxes by Wednesday 13th December.

Items can be dropped off in the Chaplaincy room on floor 3. Please make sure your name and house are visible with your items.



NEW BUILD

Mrs Gilmore and I had the pleasure of another site visit this week to finalise all the signage for the new build. We had a tour of the site, and it was incredible to see the work completed. Inside we now have internal walls in place, and mechanical and electrical work is starting. The Sports Hall will soon be fitted with panels as the roof is now finished, and after Christmas work begins on the grounds. I cannot tell you how excited we are and what a school it will be. In the New Year, we will be taking some groups of children up to the site and I will keep updating you with photos when I can.



STAFFING UPDATE

As we near the end of our first term there are few staffing updates to share with you. We will be very sad to say goodbye to one of our founding cohort teachers this term. Mr Davies is leaving us to pursue a career elsewhere. His skillset has been recognised by another industry and with a heavy heart he has taken them up on the exciting offer he received. We will miss him dearly and on behalf of us all, and I am sure yourselves and your children, we say thank you and good luck. We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Steele in the maths team, in one term he has made such a difference to the delivery of maths at our school, and he returns to his previous employer after Christmas, again I share the same sentiments to him as Mr Davies.

We are delighted to welcome the following staff in January. Ms Ollerenshaw will join us as Subject Co-ordinator for Geography, Mrs Saxton and Mr Cowling for the Maths team and Mr Esberger will join our Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Principal for Pastoral.

PARENT LEADERSHIP

As is mentioned last week we have a very positive and hard-working Parent Leadership Group that works closely with me to ensure that our children continue to get the best education possible. They have already created and set up a uniform swap shop to support any parents that may need it. As a plea, if you have any uniform you would like to donate, please drop it off in school. We are a little short in blazers, shoes and black football socks.

One thing the group want to do is to get parental opinion on certain things so they can meet with me on your behalf to either suggest ideas or reaffirm things that are going well. The group have come up with the survey below. Please can as many of you as possible fill this in. The results will go directly to the parent group, and they will analyse them and present the findings to me after Christmas. We really value feedback and not many schools have an active parent leadership group – please fill this in to support them in doing their role and representing the parent body.

[Parent survey for Parent Leadership Group](#)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11th December

Y8 girls' football vs Penistone away

Tuesday 12th December

Y7 boys' and girls' football vs Kettlethorpe away

Wednesday 13th December

Girls' indoor cricket tournament at Kirk Balk

Thursday 14th December

Y7/Y8 Girls' netball match

Pantomime trip to Electric theatre

Y8 Esports trip to Barnsley College

